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- 1) 58-121488
- 2) 2002-543710
- 3) 09-200891
- 4) 09-163491
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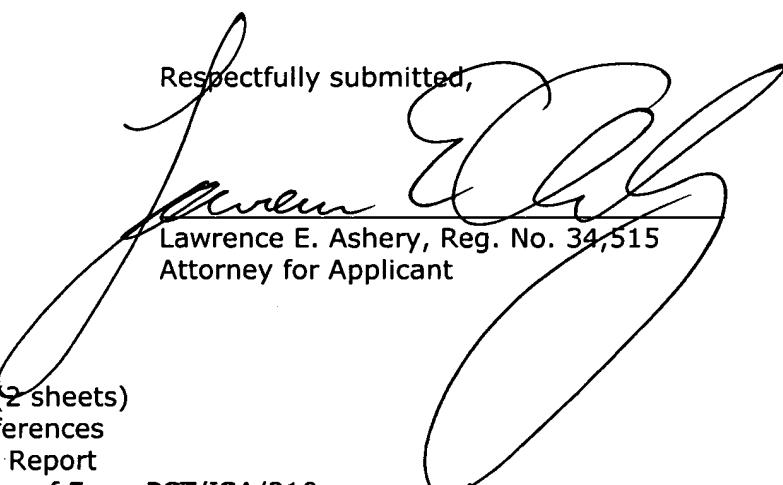
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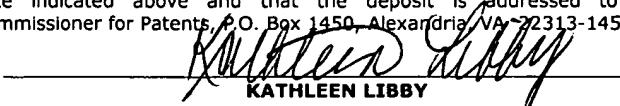
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